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REMARKS

Claims 3-27 are pending in this application. In the Office Action of February 22, 2008, the examiner indicated that claims 1, 3-14, 24, and 25 were rejected, claims 15-23 were allowable, and claims 26 and 27 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

While the applicants do not concede the propriety of the rejections in the last Office Action, they have decided to cancel all of the rejected claims in the pending application. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-14, 24, and 25 have been cancelled herein.

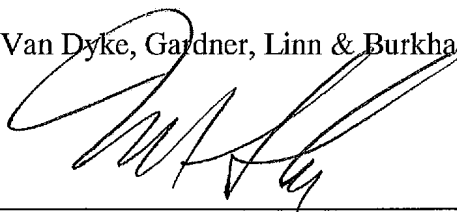
Further, claim 26 has been re-written herein in independent form in a manner that includes all of the limitations of former independent claim 24, as well as the former intervening claim 25. Claim 26 should therefore now be in a condition for allowance. Claim 27 should also now be in a condition for allowance because it is dependent upon claim 26.

All of the pending claims in the application should now be in a condition for allowance and a notice to such effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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